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Sir:

A Preliminary Amendment was filed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 13, 2004 in the above-identified application. Since over 10- months have passed and no Office Action has been received from the Patent and Trademark Office in response thereto, applicants respectfully request to be informed of the current status of the application.

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